(a) whether Government have decided that the State Housing Boards would provide houses to workers and the cost thereof would be paid from out of workers' contribution to provident fund;

(b) whether a phase-wise programme has been chalked out, State-wise; if so; the estimated number of dwelling units to be given to workers by the end of the current plan period;

(c) what progress has been made so far in the implementation of the scheme; and

(d) what is the type of unit to be given to workers and under which scheme and what would be its total cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It has been suggested to the various State Housing Boards to consider providing houses to the provident fund subscribers, subject to some initial down payment towards the cost of houses being made from their provident fund account,

(b) No formal programme has been halked out so far;

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha; and

(d) The type and cost of houses will vary from place to place. It is not therefore, possible to give a firm indication about the type and cost.

Suggestion of the FICCI for Review of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

1725. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently suggested a thorough review of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, to accelerate construction activity in cities and towns; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) and (b) A Seminar on 'New Opportunities for House Construction Activity' was organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 29-6-87. Various legislations affecting the housing sector including the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was discussed and suggestions were made for removing the hurdles in the implementation of the Act. Proposals for amendment to the Act are already under consideration of the Government and the suggestions made in the Seminar would be kept in view at the time of finalising the amendments.

National Policy on Animal Slaughter

1726. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Central Leather Research Institute for the formulation of a national policy on animal slaughter to prevent indiscriminate slaughter of young and productive animals and ensure healthy development of the meat industry; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, one of the recommendations of the All India Survey on

Hides and Skin sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and conducted by the Central Leather Research Institute was on formulation of a national policy on slaughter of animals.

(b) The recommendation has been communicated to the State Governments as the subject matter is under the purview of the States.

Screening of 'Tamas' Serial

1727. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the controversy on the screening of T.V. serial 'Tamas' by Doordarshan and whether Government have received any representations for and against its screening;

(b) what are the reasons for telecasting such a sensitive serial;

(c) whether Government propose to review the norms for clearing serials by Doordarshan and whether the clearance by the present Committee is final in all respects; and

(d) whether members of the Subcommittee on media of the National Integration Council watched the serial and whether they recommended the serial 'Tamas' for telecasting?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The serial was considered to be carrying a powerful message to the people to guard against communalism and anti-social elements which ferment divisive forces in our society.

(c) The existing procedures for clearing serials are considered adequate.

(d) The film was shown to some members of the National Integration Council, before its telecast.

Commercial Service from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad

1728. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH*
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercial service has commenced from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad and if so, when and what are the capacities available for regional service in Gujarat;

(b) the total income earned so far and estimated income to be earned in the next year from the advertisements and what is the rate of advertisements;

(c) the States which are to get regional service by the end of the current plan period and what are the criteria for the same; and

(d) whether any UHF band is being utilised for telecasting in the country; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): The Commercial Service commenced from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad with effect from 1st January, 1988. According to the approved arrangements, the regional service in Gujarat is scheduled to be introduced after launching and operationalisation of INSAT-II.

(b) Gross revenue earned by Doordarshan from Commercial advertisements was Rs. 116.72 crores approximately upto January 1988 during the financial year 1987-88 for the entire TV network. Similar revenue to be earned by Doordarshan during 1988-89 has been estimated at Rs. 142 crores. The aproved rate structure of spot booking for cemmercial advertisement on Doordarshan is given in the attached statement. (*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 69).